

REMARKS

This is a response to the Office action of May 21, 2003.

All of the claims have been allowed except for claim 30, which has been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 31, previously dependent upon claim 30 has been amended to appear in independent form.

Applicant presents the following as being the reasons for allowance. [The statement as to reasons for allowance which appear in the two Office actions may be applicable to some of the claims but are not applicable to the broader claims such as claim 1, for example.]

The prior art of record neither teach nor show a quasi point light source, a ring lens at least partially surrounding the light source and collimating at least some of the light from the source to impinge upon a surface, and a second optical element for receiving light rays and directing the rays to impinge upon the surface at a position radially or concentrically closer to the lens system than the rays from the ring lens.

The claim fee of \$40 for one additional independent claim is being paid herewith.

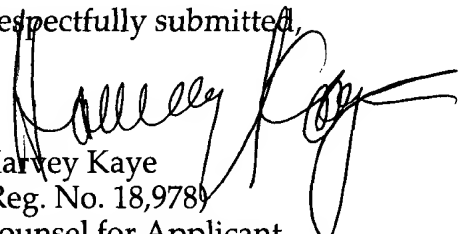
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Amdt. dated August 21, 2003

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It is believed that this application is allowable and an early formal Notice of Allowance is requested. If this is not correct then the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


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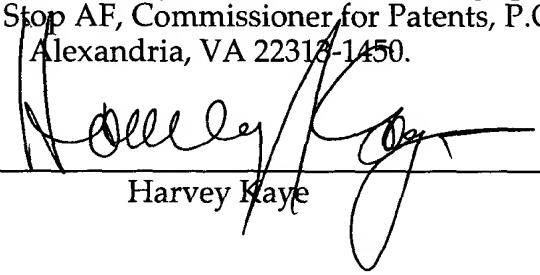
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